

What's a Wiki?

Terms to Know

Wiki – Hawaiian for “quick” or “informal.” A wiki can refer to a quick informal webpage that anyone can edit, or the collaborative software that allows for this practice.

Wiki Farm – website that hosts wikis, so you don't have to download, install or host anything on your own server, or worry about the programming end of creating a wiki.

Wiki Gnome – anonymous poster who bats cleanup, tirelessly making minor edits.

Wiki Squatting – using a wiki as free personal webspace

Wiki Tags – elements that add formatting, such as bold, italics, etc.

Wikipedia – online encyclopedia that anyone can edit. <http://www.wikipedia.org>

Wikipedian – avid contributor to Wikipedia, a free online encyclopedia, created and maintained by its users.

Sandbox – wiki page for testing and playing

Orphan Page – page with no links that has been abandoned or not updated

Walled Garden – a series of Wiki pages that link only to one another

Editing the EDCO Wiki

1. Go to <http://edcolibrary.wikispaces.com/>
2. Login with your username and password
3. Click Edit to contribute to a page, Save when finished!

Wiki Tags

Most wikis are now What You See is What You Get (WYSIWYG) and you don't need to know HTML to edit a wiki; in some cases, formatting such as headings, italics, bold and links are done with one or two keystrokes, known as wiki tags. A list of common tags follows:

* = bullet

! = headline

** = bold

' ' = italic

| = box

NewPage = new page (two or more words strung together with no spaces and capital first letters creates a new page and a link to that page

[url|link] to create a hyperlink to somewhere on the web